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In re: Bowran *et al.*

Inter'l Appl. No.: PCT/IB2003/004645

Amdt. dated 06/03/2005

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 9, 29, 30, 36, 39, 46, 48, 52, and 53 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 20, 22, 28, 31, 32, 34, 35, 42, 44, 45, 50, 51, and 54-57 have been amended either to delete certain subject matter and/or for formal reasons related to the deletion of this subject matter. These amendments to the claims are fully supported by the specification and original claims.

Claim 21 has been amended to correct an inadvertent error in claim dependency. As amended, claim 21 depends from claim 20. Support for this amendment can be found in original claim 25 of PCT/IB2003/004645.

New claims 58-61 have been added. The new claims are fully supported by the specification and original claims. In particular, support for new claims 58 and 59 can be found in the specification at paragraphs 009, 021, and 023, and in original claims 24 and 25 of PCT/IB2003/004645. Support for new claims 60 and 61 can be found in the specification at paragraphs 010 and 024 and in original claims 40 and 41 of PCT/IB2003/004645.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendments to the claims or by the addition of the new claims.

Claims 1, 4-8, 10-28, 31-35, 37, 38, 40-45, 47, 49-51, and 54-61 are pending.

During the preparation of the instant Preliminary Amendment, Applicants noticed that in the Preliminary Amendment that they submitted on January 10, 2005 an incorrect status identifier was inadvertently used for claim 38. In that Preliminary Amendment, the status identifier for claim 38 was indicated as "previously presented" instead of the correct status identifier "currently amended". Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendment to claim 38 that was presented in the Preliminary Amendment of January 10, 2005, if the Examiner has not already done so.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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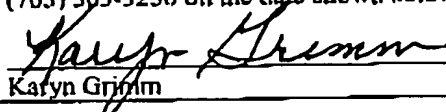
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